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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA'S PROJECTED VISIT TO
MOSCOW AND TEHRAN

BOURGUIBA JR. TELLS ME THAT THE CHANCES OF HIS FATHER
ACTUALLY VISITING THE SOVIET UNION AND IRAN ARE
EXCEEDINGLY SLIM. AS BOURGUIBA JR. PUTS IT, HIS
FATHER IS GETTING OLDER (I.E. WEAKER PHYSICALLY)
AND THE SHOCK ON HIS SYSTEM OF EVEN A TWO HOUR
TIME CHANGE WOULD PROBABLY BE MORE THAN THE DOCTORS
WOULD PERMIT. ACCORDINGLY, BOURGUIBA JR. EXPECTS
THAT IN FINAL ANALYSIS TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT WILL
PROPOSE SENDING PRIME MINISTER NOUIRA INSTEAD, AS
HE NOTES WAS THE CASE WITH REGARD TO OUR INVITATION
TO PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA TO VISIT THE US IN 1975.
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